

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§ Customer No.:
Gene A. Frantz	§ 23494
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Serial No.: 10/805,776	§ Atty. Docket No.: TI-37762
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Confirmation No.: 9940	§ Group Art Unit: 2435
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Filed: 03/22/2004	§ Examiner: Leynna Thanh Truvan
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For: Apparatus and Method for Intellectual	§
Property Protection Using the	§
Microprocessor Serial Number	§
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Mail Stop Amendment	
Commissioner for Patents	
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 16, 2009**

Dear Madam:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2009, which has a period for response set to expire on March 16, 2010, the Applicants request the Office enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0668 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.